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For: **DIFFERENTIATION OF ADIPOSE STROMAL CELLS INTO OSTEOBLASTS AND USES THEREOF**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-styled patent application, which is a continuation patent application of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No.09/554,868, filed on May 19, 2000 on behalf of the inventors Halvorsen et al, please amend the application as shown below and consider the appended remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert on page 1, line 8 --This application is a continuation of US Application No. 09/554,868, filed on May 19, 2000.--